

# Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

## **ROXBURY**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*for the year ending*

DECEMBER 31

1947



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## TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator

EDWARD E. BAKER

Town Clerk

JULIANA HOOPER

Town Treasurer

JULIANA HOOPER

Selectmen and Assessors

OLAND M. BLAKE

Term expires 1948

EDWIN B. ELLIS

Term expires 1949

ALPHEUS C. WHITE

Term expires 1950

Tax Collector

FANNIE FERRIS

Road Agent

HERBERT J. RUSSELL

Overseer of Poor

OLAND M. BLAKE

Supervisors of Check List

MAY WHITE

HAZEL RUSSELL

HERBERT J. RUSSELL

Auditor

HARRIET MILLER

Constables

EDWARD E. BAKER

LEON D. MENTER

Sexton

EARL J. RUSSELL

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

OLAND M. BLAKE

EDWIN B. ELLIS

ALPHEUS C. WHITE

Trustee of Trust Funds

MAY E. WHITE

Term Expires 1948

Ballot Inspector

HAZEL E. RUSSELL

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### (TOWN WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Schoolhouse in said Roxbury on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise and appropriate \$200.00 for pine blister rust.
4. To raise and appropriate \$12.00 for Monadnock Region.
5. To see if the town will vote for T. R. A. and raise and appropriate the sum of \$190.50 for same.
6. To raise and appropriate \$200.00 for Town Hall and tool shed.
7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money.
8. To see if the town will vote to pay the Trustee of Trust funds a salary.
9. To see if the townspeople wish to have their driveways plowed at the town's expense.
10. To see if the town will vote to raise money for poor relief.

11. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and for any action thereon.

12. To see if the town will vote to have a town counsel.

13. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

OLAND M. BLAKE,  
EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,  
Selectmen of Roxbury.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

OLAND M. BLAKE,  
EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,  
Selectmen of Roxbury.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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County tax	\$329 45
Town tax	700 00
Highways and bridges	1,000 00
Snow removal	1,000 00
T. R. A.	197 53
School	1,891 49
Monadnock Region	14 00
Town poor	200 00
Town hall and tool shed	200 00
Cemeteries	20 00
Balancing Nye Cemetery	26 10
Pine blister rust	200 00
Reappraisal by tax commission	300 00

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\$5,978 57

Less revenue 143 71

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\$5,834 86

Less polls 100 00

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\$5,734 86

Overlay 42 52

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\$5,777 38

50 polls @ \$2.00 100 00

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\$5,877 38

Amount committed to collector

Tax rate: \$4.54 per \$100.00.

### ESTIMATED

Auto permits and bank tax \$143 71

## VALUATIONS

50 polls	\$100 00
14 horses	1,225 00
12 cows	1,225 00
13 sheep	130 00
2 tractors	1,700 00
3 neat stock	300 00
4 goats	40 00
Power lines	12,691 00
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	\$16,270 00
30 cords logs	300 00
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Total	\$16,570 00
Resident land and buildings	19,725 00
Resident timber	1,475 00
Non-resident land and buildings	57,669 00
Non-resident timber	30,775 00
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Total valuation	\$126,214 00

## OFFICERS' SALARIES

Edward E. Baker, moderator	\$10 00
Juliana A. Hooper, town clerk	30 00
Juliana A. Hooper, town treasurer	30 00
Oland M. Blake, chairman selectmen and assessor	70 00
Edwin B. Ellis, selectman and assessor	60 00
Alpheus C. White, selectman and assessor	60 00
Oland M. Blake, attending tax meeting	5 00
Edwin B. Ellis, attending tax meeting	5 00
Alpheus C. White, attending tax meeting	5 00
Fannie Ferris, attending tax meeting	5 00
Fannie Ferris tax collector	58 64
Earl J. Russell, sexton	3 00
Oland M. Blake, overseer of poor	3 00
May White, chairman supervisors of check list	6 00
Hazel Russell, supervisor of check list	3 00
Herbert J. Russell, supervisor of check list	3 00
Herbert J. Russell, road agent	20 00



Edward E. Baker, constable	2 00
Leon D. Menter, constable	2 00
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	\$380 64

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Gardner C. Turner, legal advice	\$15 95
Chase's Book Store, supplies	16 20
Chase's Book Store, trust fund book	10 75
W. H. Watson, legal advice	5 00
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, auto rate guide	4 50
U. S. Post Office, stamps	1 50
Edwin B. Ellis, supplies	2 67
Chase Book Store, supplies	11 15
G. H. Aldrich & Sons, bonds	52 00
Sentinel Printing, 100 town reports	90 20
Juliana Alexander, 16 auto permits @ 50c	8 00
Winfield M. Chaplin, 32 transfer cards	6 40
Chase's Book Store, dog tags	2 95
Oland M. Blake, use of car to meet tax commission in Concord	10 00
Alpheus White, attending meeting with tax commission in Concord	5 00
Edwin B. Ellis, attending meeting with tax commission in Concord	5 00
Oland M. Blake, attending meeting with tax commission in Concord	5 00
Juliana Alexander, 6 auto permits @ 50c	3 00
Juliana Alexander, stamps	3 00
Sargent Bros., 200 poll bills and 300 property bills	7 00
Mrs. Ruth Avery, dues for N. H. tax collectors association	4 00
Keene Book Shop, 10 flags	2 50
Oland M. Blake, fifty 3c stamps	1 50
Juliana Hooper, 7 auto permits	3 50
Edwin B. Ellis, use of car for assessing	5 00
Fannie Ferris, stamps	6 00
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	\$287 77

Norman Duplissie, refund on auto permit	3 29
Total	<u>\$291 06</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred K. Clark, chimney fire at Chas. Nye farm	\$12 00
City of Keene, chimney fire at Armond Prevost	10 00
Total	<u>\$22 00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO REASSESS  
TOWN PROPERTY

Edwin B. Ellis, assisting tax commission	\$3 00
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission and assessors	16 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission	35 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission	22 00
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission	20 00
Alpheus White, assisting tax commission	10 50
Edwin B. Ellis, assisting tax commission	10 50
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission	7 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission	7 00
	<u>\$131 00</u>

## TOWN ROADS AND BRIDGES

Paid to Leon D. Menter, overdraw on winter maintenance	\$530 59
Paid to Herbert J. Russell, highways and snow	1,358 62
Paid to Herbert J. Russell, Class V money	586 70
Paid to state treasurer, T. R. A. appropriation	197 53
Paid to school district, 1947 appropriation	1,891 49
Paid to school district, dog taxes for 1945	23 05
	<u>\$1,914 54</u>
Bounties for 1947	23 00
County tax	329 45
Old age assistance	76 75
Cemeteries, partial payment, opening Gorst grave	57 53
To make Nye Cemetery funds \$100.00	26 10
	<u>\$83 63</u>

Monadnock Region Association	14 00
Pine blister rust for 1945	100 00
Paid to state treasurer, special poll taxes	49 28
Paid to Gerald Miller, bulletin board	25 88
Paid to Don Plummer, erecting bulletin board	4 05
Paid to Capital Reserve Fund	1,200 00
Paid to Better Builders, cupboards for town records	20 00
Repayment of loan with interest	503 75
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Total amount of orders paid	\$7,842 47

Respectfully submitted,  
 OLAND M. BLAKE,  
 EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
 ALPHEUS C. WHITE,  
 Selectmen of Roxbury, N. H.

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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Town appropriation	\$1,000 00
Class V from state	519 00
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	\$1,519 00
Class V money from 1946	597 00
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	\$2,116 00
Snow appropriation	1,000 00
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	\$3,116 00

### GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Middletown road	\$383 30
Davis road	231 60
Dawes road	132 40
Daking road	108 70
Marlboro road	54 32
Dillingham road	203 47
French road	157 23
Tools	87 60
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	\$1,358 62

### GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CUTTING BRUSH

Middletown road	\$187 42
Dillingham road	207 65
Dawes road	109 35
Davis road	82 28
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	\$1,945 32
Total balance	1,170 68

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,

Road Agent.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

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### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

LEVY OF 1947

DR.

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$5,777 38
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	98 00

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Total warrant	\$5,875 38
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Added taxes:

Property taxes	18 16
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	2 00

Interest collected:	52
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Total debits	\$5,896 06
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CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$5,105 01
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	66 00
Interest collected	52
Abatements	13 62

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	676 91
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	34 00

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Total credits	\$5,896 06
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Abatements:

Clarence Davis	\$13 62
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## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	Poll	Property
Arnold Bailey	\$2 00	\$34 05
Eva Bailey	2 00	
Willard Ferris		24 97
Eleanor Gilman	2 00	1 36
Richard Gilman		48 80
Joseph Gilman		3 41
Samuel Gilman	2 00	
Leo Paul	2 00	68 10
Germaine Paul	2 00	
Herbert I. Russell		51 07
*Raymond Rajala		22 70
Roland Tarr	2 00	87 40
Vivian Tarr	2 00	
Richard Smith	2 00	6 81
Isabelle Smith	2 00	
Harlan Brown		4 54
Carroll H. Chickering		18 16
Richard Cameron		56 75
Jessie Cameron		54 48
George & Walter Davis		71 73
Roger Garfield		18 16
Adelaide & George C. Newman		31 78
*Carroll Osgood		18 16
*George N. Towne		9 08
Irvin H. Gordon		27 24
Labonville & Gendean		18 16
Arvilla Bully	2 00	
George Bully	2 00	
John Styles	2 00	
Norman Clark	2 00	
Loretta Clark	2 00	
Hazel Nourse	2 00	
Harriet Miller	2 00	
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	\$34 00	\$676 91

\*Paid after books were closed and final remittance made to Treasurer.

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT**

LEVY OF 1946

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes	\$854 26
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	64 00
Added tax:	
Poll tax (Robert S. Baker)	2 00
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947	21 70

Total debits	<hr/>	\$941 96
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CR.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1947:

Property taxes	\$644 63
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	26 00
Interest collected during year	21 70
Abatements made during year	33 25

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	\$198 38
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	18 00

Total credits	<hr/>	\$941 96
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Abatements:

Clarence Davis	\$11 25
John Boomhower	2 00
Rose Fuller	2 00
Joseph Gendron	2 00
Alphonse Labonville	2 00
Paul Labonville	2 00
Armanie Labonville	2 00
Louis Laflotte	2 00
Eugene Labonville	2 00
Robert Miner	2 00

Edgar Morin	2 00
Eugene Gendreau	2 00

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 \$33 25

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	Poll	Property
Labana Bergeron	\$2 00	
Woodrow French	2 00	\$11 25
Valerie French	2 00	
William Greenier	2 00	
Max Hall	2 00	
Harriet Miller	2 00	
Fred Royce, Jr.	2 00	
Louise Royce	2 00	
Arthur Tedford	2 00	9 38
George Bully		3 75
Willard Ferris		78 75
Clifton French		9 00
Norman McKennon		86 25
	<hr/> \$18 00	\$198 38

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

#### YEAR OF 1945

#### DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes	\$10 25
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	14 00
Poll taxes—special @ \$3.00	21 00
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947	49
Total debits	<hr/> \$45.74

#### CR.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1947:

Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	\$2 00
Poll taxes—special @ \$3.00	3 00
Interest collected during year	49



Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	10 25	
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	12 00	
Poll taxes—special @ \$3.00	18 00	
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Total credits		\$45 74

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	Poll	Property
George Bully		\$2 05
Labana Bergeron	\$5 00	
Woodrow French	5 00	8 20
Josephine Sweeney	5 00	
Hazel Nourse	5 00	
Lyman Warner	5 00	
Mary Warner	5 00	
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	\$30 00	\$10 25

#### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

LEVY OF 1944

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00	\$2 00	
Poll taxes—special @ \$3.00	3 00	
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Total debits		\$5 00

CR.

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Poll taxes—regular @ \$2.00,		
Woodrow French	\$2 00	
Poll taxes—special @ \$3.00,		
Woodrow French	3 00	
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Total credits		\$5 00

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES  
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVY OF 1944

Clarence Davis

\$13 45

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I hereby certify that the above lists showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1947, on account of Tax Levies for the years 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,  
Tax Collector.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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On hand, January 1, 1947	\$2,243 14
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Received of Fannie Ferris, tax collector:

1945 poll tax and interest	5 49
1946 poll tax	26 00
1946 interest	21 70
1946 property tax	644 63
1947 poll tax	66 00
1947 interest	52
1947 property tax	5,105 01

Received from state treasurer:

Forest fire refund	2 00
State highway department	519 00
Hedgehog bounties	7 00
Savings bank tax	1 86

Received from town clerk:

Auto permits	127 26
Dog licenses	31 00
J. A. Hooper, over-deposit	50

Received from selectmen:

Note	500 00
Pistol permits	2 50

Received from road agent:

Unspent road money	646 81
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Total	\$9,950 42
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Paid selectmen's orders	7,842 47
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Balance on hand December 31, 1947	\$2,107 95
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Respectfully submitted,  
JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,  
Town Treasurer, Roxbury, N. H.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Received for automobile permits	\$127 26
Received for dog licenses	31 00
Received from J. A. Hooper, over-deposit	50
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Total receipts	\$158 76
Paid town treasurer	\$158 76

Respectfully submitted,  
 JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,  
 Town Clerk, Roxbury, N. H.

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

### CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

December 31, 1947

MAY N. WHITE,  
 Trustee.

# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand April 1, 1947	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Mar. 1892	Ruel H. Kingsbury Cemetery Fund	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 836	\$100.00		\$100.74	\$4.02		\$104.76
Aug. 9, 1934	Nye Cemetery Fund	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 17907	100.00			.96		.96
July 12, 1940	Eli Clark Cemetery Fund	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 20413	200.00		7.38	4.16		11.54
Mar. 25, 1947	Town of Roxbury Trust Fund for Town Hall and Tool Shed	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 23764	1,200.00			12.00		12.00
June 4, 1909	George G. Davis Cemetery Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 5585	100.00		69.75	4.25		74.00
Apr. 14, 1921	Ellen A. Davis Cemetery Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 13980	100.00		5.86	2.65		8.51
Jan. 11, 1946	Josiah and Eliza Davis Cemetery Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 36353	100.00		1.67	2.54		4.21
June 24, 1915	Roxbury Cemetery (Fund) Association	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 8738	*					
	Totals		\$1,900.00		\$185.40	\$30.58		\$215.98

\*This Book not a Trust Fund of the Town of Roxbury.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY**  
**IN CHESHIRE COUNTY**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 11, 1948

OLAND M. BLAKE,  
 EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
 ALPHEUS C. WHITE,

Selectmen.

JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,

Treasurer.

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**ASSETS**

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$2,107 95
Capital Reserve Funds:	
New town hall and tool shed	1,212 00
Other bills due town:	
(a) Opening of Gorst grave	57 53
Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on account of)	
(d) Previous years	13 45
Uncollected taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1947	710 91
(b) Levy of 1946	216 38
(c) Levy of 1945	40 25
Total assets	<hr/> \$4,358 47
Grand total	<hr/> \$4,358 47

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts owed by the town:

Fund to reassess the town by state	\$169 00
Blister rust money	200 00

Due to state—special \$3 poll taxes:

(a) Uncollected—due state when collected (1944 \$3.00) (1945 \$18.00)	
(b) Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer (1945 \$3.00)	3 00

Due school districts:

(a) Dog licenses	20 00
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Capital Reserve Funds:

(Offsets similar asset account)	1,212 00
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Total liabilities	\$2,556 00
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Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,802 47
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Grand total	\$4,358 47
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**RECEIPTS**

Current revenue:

From local taxes:

(Collected and remitted  
to treasurer)

1. Property taxes—current year	\$5,105 01
2. Poll taxes—current year— Regular @ \$2.00	66 00
4. Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$5,171 01
5. Property taxes—previous years	644 63
6. Poll taxes—previous years— Regular @ \$2	28 00
7. Poll taxes—previous years— Special @ \$3	3 00
8. Interest received on taxes	22 71



From state :

10.	For highways and bridges :	
	(b) For Class V highway maintenance	519 00
13.	Savings bank tax	1 86
17.	Fighting forest fires	2 00
18.	Bounties	7 00

From local sources, except taxes :

22.	Dog licenses	31 00
23.	Business licenses and permits	2 50
	Over deposit of town clerk, later refunded	50
	Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 permits	127 26
	Received from Leon Menter, unspent road money	646 81

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Total current revenue receipts	\$7,207 28
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Receipts other than current revenue :	500 00
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Total receipts from all sources	\$7,707 28
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Cash on hand January 1, 1947	2,243 14
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Grand total	\$9,950 42
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### PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses :

General government :

1.	Town officers' salaries	\$380 64
2.	Town officers' expenses	291 06
5.	Expenses town hall and other town buildings	49 93

Protection of persons and property :

7.	Fire department, including forest fire	22 00
8.	Moth extermination—blister rust	100 00
9.	Bounties	23 00

Highways and bridges :

14.	Town road aid	197 53
15.	Town maintenance (Winter—\$530.59)	2,475 91



## Public welfare:

19. Old age assistance	76 75
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## Public service enterprises:

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	57 53
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## Unclassified:

30. Advertising and Regional Associations	14 00
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31. Part payment to reassess town	131 00
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Total current maintenance expenses	<u>\$3,288 76</u>
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## Interest:

33. Payment on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes with interest	<u>\$3 75</u>
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Total interest payments	3 75
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## Indebtedness:

45. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	500 00
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48. Payments to capital reserve funds	1,200 00
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49. Payments to trustees, trust funds	26 10
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## Payments to other governmental divisions:

51. Special poll taxes @ \$3 paid to state	49 28
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52. Taxes paid to county	329 45
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53. Payments to precincts	1,914 54
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Total payments for all purposes	<u>\$8,842 47</u>
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Cash on hand December 31, 1947	2,107 95
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Grand total	<u>\$9,950 42</u>
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## SEXTON'S REPORT

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### HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Mowed and cleaned

Gate painted

### NYE CEMETERY

Mowed and cleaned

No charge

EARL J. RUSSELL,  
Sexton.

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## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

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This is to certify that I have examined books, vouchers and other financial records of the treasurer, clerk, selectmen, tax collector, road agent, trustees of trust funds, and find them complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET MILLER.

January 31, 1948.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### (SCHOOL WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Roxbury qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the ninth day of March, 1948, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to close the Roxbury School, and transport the pupils to a school in another district as a temporary arrangement.
9. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Roxbury this sixteenth day of February, 1948.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,  
EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
OLAND M. BLAKE,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,  
EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
OLAND M. BLAKE,

School Board.

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949**

School District of Roxbury

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

Budget No. 1

**Elementary**

## Support of schools:

Teachers salaries,	\$2,000 00
Textbooks	150 00
Scholars' supplies	125 00
Flags and appurtenances	5 00
Other expenses of instruction	25 00
Janitor services	100 00
Fuel	125 00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	35 00
Minor repairs and expenses	100 00
Health supervision (medical inspection)	75 00
Transportation of pupils	500 00
Payment of elementary tuitions	45 00
Other special activities	30 00

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Totals	\$3,315 00
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## Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	\$114 00
Truant officer and school census	10 00
Tuition in high schools and academies (estimated)	480 00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by union)	80 00
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)	58 00

Other obligations imposed by law or  
established by the district in-  
cluding insurance, teachers' re-  
tirement assessment, and Ad-  
ministration

168 25

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 \$910 25

Total amount to meet school board's budget

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 \$4,225 25

### ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimated) \$400 00

State aid (December 1948 allotment) 1,533 00

Dog tax (estimated) 30 00

Elementary school tuition receipts  
(estimated) 45 00

Deduct total estimated income not  
raised by taxation

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 \$2,008 00

Assessment required to balance school  
board's budget

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 \$2,217 25

EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
OLAND M. BLAKE,

School Board.

Roxbury, N. H., February 16, 1948.

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### SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

School District of Roxbury

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### DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Budget No. 2

Support of schools:

Transportation of pupils 1,458 00

Payment of elementary tuitions 1,125 00

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 \$2,583 00

## Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	\$114 00
Truant officer and school census	10 00
Tuition in high schools and academies (estimated)	480 00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by union)	80 00
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)	58 00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by the district including insurance, teachers' retirement assessment, and administration	113 25
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	\$855 25
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Total amount to meet school board's budget	\$3,438 25

## ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimated)	\$400 00
State aid (December 1948 allotment)	1,533 00
Dog tax (estimated)	30 00
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Deduct total estimated income not raised by taxation	\$1,963 00
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Assessment required to balance school board's budget	\$1,475 25

EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
OLAND M. BLAKE,

School Board.

Roxbury, N. H., February 16, 1948.



**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ROXBURY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1946  
and Ending June 30, 1947

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JOHN H. FRYE,  
Superintendent.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,  
EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
OLAND M. BLAKE,  
School Board.

June 30, 1947.

**RECEIPTS**

State and federal aid:	
Equalization fund for elementary schools	\$1,489 36
Income from local taxation:	
For support of schools, tuition, salaries, debt and interest and other statutory obligations	2,550 00
From sources other than taxation:	
Dog licenses (from selectmen)	23 05
Elementary school tuitions	248 29
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Total receipts from all sources	\$4,310 70
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1946	218 83
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Grand total	\$4,529 53



## PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	\$109 00
Superintendent's excess salary	55 00
Tax for state wide supervision	38 00
Expenses of administration	12 24
Teachers' salary	1,389 99
Text books	22 59
Scholars' supplies	28 31
Other expenses of instruction	23 75
Janitors' salary	85 00
Fuel	112 00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	23 03
Repairs and replacements	96 10
Health supervision	65 70
Transportation of pupils	433 50
High school and academy tuition	270 00
Elementary school tuition	45 00
Other special activities	3 17
Insurance and other fixed charges	119 00
New equipment	17 63
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Total payments for all purposes	\$2,949 01
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1947)	1,580 52
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Grand total	\$4,529 53

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

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Cash on hand June 30, 1946	\$218 83
Received from selectmen,	
Appropriations for current year	2,550 00
Dog tax	23 05
Received from state treasurer, state aid	1,489 36
Received from all other sources	248 29
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$4,529 53
Less school board orders paid	2,949 01
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947	\$1,580 52

MARGARET MENTER,  
District Treasurer.

July 1, 1947

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Roxbury, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,  
Auditor.

July 21, 1947.

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1946

July 23, City of Keene, elementary tuition 1945-1946	\$164 54
Oct. 26, Town of Roxbury, appropriation	1,000 00
Dec. 31, Town of Roxbury, appropriation	1,550 00

1947

Feb. 15, State of New Hampshire, state aid	1,489 36
June 13, City of Keene, elementary tuition 1946-1947	83 75
June 28, Town of Roxbury, dog tax	23 05

Total receipts during year	\$4,310 70
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**BALANCE SHEET**

## ASSETS, JUNE 30, 1947

Cash on hand	\$1,580 52
Grand total	\$1,580 52

## LIABILITIES, JUNE 30, 1947

Account owed by district	\$45 00
Amounts reserved for special purposes	400 00
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,135 52
Grand total	\$1,580 52

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Roxbury, N. H. of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,  
Auditor.

July 21, 1947.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Roxbury School District

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Examinations by the nurse, November, 1947:

Total number of pupils examined		19
Number with dental caries	13	
Pupils with poor posture	2	
Number with symptoms of diseased tonsils	2	

Cases of contagious diseases reported  
during the year:

Whooping cough	7
Measles	4
Chicken pox	1
Mumps	9

Total number of visits during school year 1946-1947	11
Number of class room inspections	8
Number of pupils given vision test	19
Number of pupils given hearing test with the audiometer	12
Number of pupils with defective hearing	2
Number of dental corrections	8

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. HARRIS, R. N.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Roxbury:

I herein submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The general demand for better educational opportunities for the youth in our rural schools is indeed a serious problem at the present time. School districts maintaining one or two room rural schools should make a careful study of the school program and facilities in order to determine the best solution.

In order to meet the various individual needs of boys and girls and to prepare most of them to enter high school the modern elementary school has many new responsibilities. The development of the basic skills and abilities in reading, writing, and arithmetic are as essential as ever. More effective learning in the social studies with increased emphasis on democratic living is needed to develop better citizenship both within and outside the school. An adequate school program should also provide the opportunities for directed experiences in music, the fine arts, manual arts, domestic arts, health, general science and wide social contacts. The facilities for these objectives will be limited in many schools during this present period of shortages and high costs.

The maintenance of well qualified teachers in our rural schools is almost an impossibility unless nearby resident teachers become available. At the present time 70,000 teaching jobs are vacant in the United States. More than 350,000 teachers have left our public schools since 1941. Over 2,000,000 school-age children are not in school and millions of those in school are receiving inferior education due to the fact that 110,000 teachers, or one out of every eight, are serving on sub-standard permits. This problem is enhanced by increased enrollments in our schools and fewer students preparing to teach.

A committee to work with the members of the School Board might be appointed by the district to investigate the costs, services, and efficiency of the present school program and make recommendations for possible improvements. The advantages of consolidation have already closed about seventy percent of the one room rural schools in New Hampshire in the last two decades. The new law permitting cooperative schools for adjoining districts should be considered before attempting extensive changes in the present school plant.

The Roxbury School District has provided good textbooks and abundant scholars' supplies. The building is well heated and has adequate artificial light. On the other hand the study of improvements should include the problems of congestion, natural light, sanitation, ventilation and adjustable furniture. The present situation does not meet the minimum requirements recommended for an approved classroom.

#### ORGANIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Grade	Promotions	Enrollments
	June, 1947	September, 1947
1	3	7
2	4	4
3	3	2
4	1	3
5	4	2
6	4	5
7	0	2
8	1	0
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Totals	20	25

Mrs. Juliana Alexander Hooper resigned from teaching at the Roxbury School in October, 1947, after more than three years of service in the district. Mrs. Etta Thurston of Milton Mills, N. H. taught successfully until late in November, 1947 and then resigned because of poor health. Miss Isabel Blake, an instructor at Keene Teachers College for many years before reaching the retirement age, is now the teacher.

Miss Margaret Harris has attended the pupils as school nurse. Her report included herewith explains the health work.

A cumulative permanent record sheet is kept for each pupil in Grades 1-8 inclusive. This record shows the individual growth of the pupil over the eight year period as indicated by mental and physical tests. The report card marks are also recorded along with other pertinent information including attendance, health and deportment.

### ATTENDANCE

Romaine Clark was neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year ending in June, 1947. This pupil has maintained perfect attendance for several years.

### GRADUATION

Herbert Russell was the only pupil to graduate from the Roxbury school in June, 1947.

### STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1946-1947

Total length of school year in weeks	37
Number of different pupils registered	32
Number of pupils promoted, June, 1947	20
Number of pupils not promoted, June, 1947	2
Number of half days school was in session	345
Average membership	20.95
Average attendance	19.49
Percent of attendance	93.03
Average number of tardinesses per pupil	1.99
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1
Number of pupils transported by the district	5
Number of visits by the superintendent	20
Number of visits by the school nurse	11
Number of visits by the parents and citizens	23



## CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the teachers, members of the school board, and other school employees for their services to the district. The cooperation of the parents and citizens is also greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. FRYE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H.

January 26, 1948.



# VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1947.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROXBURY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

Date of Mar- riage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition of person by whom mar- ried.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
1947 Aug. 16	Roxbury	William Hooper Juliana F. Alexander	Keene Roxbury	39 38	Engineer Teacher	Walpole E. Northf'd, Ms.	Geo. D. Hooper Lizzie L. Pease Leon Alexander	Walpole Springfield, Ms. E. Northf'd, Ms. P'keepsie, N. Y.	3d 1st	L F Warren, J P Keene
Aug. 28	Keene	Richard E. Gilman Vivian E. Fish	Roxbury Keene	20 19	Machinist Factory wkr.	Gardner, Ms. Keene	Samuel J. Gilman Eleanor I. Eaton Orris J. Fish Agnes M. Willett	Harrisville E. Temple't'n, Ms Canada Keene	1st 1st	Rv J Feeney Keene

No Births or Deaths were recorded in the office of the Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1947.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,  
Town Clerk.





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## FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagration we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient to properly equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the traveling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

F. J. BAKER,  
District Chief.

Number of Fires, None.  
Acreage Burned, None.  
Number of Fire Permits Issued, None.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,  
Forest Fire Warden.

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